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By ECF

Honorable Jesse M. Furman  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, NY 10007

Re: *United States v. Josh Schulte*, 17 Cr. 548 (JMF)

Dear Judge Furman:

I write to respectfully request to be relieved as counsel in connection with Mr. Schulte's child pornography case because I have serious personal obligations that impede my ability to handle the trial.<sup>1</sup> Should the Court agree to relieve me, I suggest that it consider appointing David Stern, Esq. to try the case with Ms. Shroff. Mr. Stern is a highly skilled and experienced member of the CJA panel. He has Top Secret security clearance and extensive experience with CIPA litigation. I have spoken to him about the case, and he is willing and available to take the appointment. I have also discussed this application with Mr. Schulte and Ms. Shroff and appreciate their understanding.

I thank the Court for its consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Deborah Colson  
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cc: AUSA David Denton  
AUSA Michael Lockard

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<sup>1</sup> If the Court would like additional information, I respectfully request permission to file a supplemental letter under seal.